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Here's the message about which you were warned: please note that this is subject to verification by Avalon Hill (oh, by the way, the company that complained about the use of the name "Avalon Hill" is out of business, so use of that name is OK), but the source is reliable: according to the "upcoming releases" section of a mail-order gaming newsletter, Deluxe Diplomacy (with the wooden blocks) will sell for FIFTY-FIVE DOLLARS. According to the latest AH pricelist, regular (plastic pieces) Dip sells for \$25.

I can come up with two reasons for such a price: (a) the

cost of the wooden blocks; (b) a sudden increase in prices for AH's new games. (*Advanced Third Reich*, which isn't that much different from "normal" 3R other than the two unmounted maps, sells for \$50.) Note that the wooden blocks *should* be available separately when the game is released, although I wouldn't be surprised if the cost of all seven sets of armies and fleets is more than \$55. (The original wooden blocks cost a lot, too; remember, this was AH's most expensive game at one time.)

The first issue of *Grass Roots*, the quarterly PDO Zine Directory, has arrived from John Caruso. According to John, "the PDO Zine Directory was founded by Michael Mills over 10 years ago" and was revived because "gone are the days of zine reviews under the guise of being a zine register...(this) will be the Directory that Dipdom has sorely missed for some time!" The main difference between GR and the *Zine Register* is that GR will list the particulars of each 'zine (name, publisher, how often, how big, how old, costs, game openings) without the descriptions given by the zine's publisher (and others).

A few clarifications seem to be in order. First of all, Michael Mills' original ZD came out in 1980, before the PDO existed, and it included the 'zine descriptions that the new ZD specifically excludes (although I don't remember Mike allowing anybody other than the zine's publisher from writing the text for that 'zine). Second, GR seems to be a copy (although a slightly larger, more encompassing copy) of *Known Game Openings* that Robert Sacks used to (and still might, although I haven't seen one recently) publish. (*Pontevredria* only lists 'zine name, address, and openings.) Third, if it's a "neutral" listing, why is *Masters of Deceit* (the second novice package) called "Dipdom's welcome wagon" while *Supernova* (the first novice package) called "Dipdom's overturned covered wagon"? Fourth

(and last), why is there a space on the information questionnaire for "anything important or different about your 'zine you'd like to see mentioned" if this isn't supposed to include "reviews"?

One question for John: if it's the PDO Zine Directory, do all of the proceeds (n.b. as opposed to "profits", or "losses" as the case may be) go to hobby services like the proceeds of the PDO Relief Auction do?

**Copies of *Grass Roots* are available for \$1 each from John Caruso, 636 Astor Street, Norristown, PA 19401**

## **THE GREAT DEBATE #2**

This happened in the Pacificon Diplomacy tournament: Italy ordered A Nap-Rom (convoyed by F Tyh) and France ordered A Apu-Nap (supported by F Rom). France claimed that Army Naples can't cut the support of an attack into Naples by itself, while Italy claimed that the attack came via Tyrrhenian Sea.

**THE DECISION:** The army attacking Rome started in Naples, so the attack comes from Naples; therefore, the support from Rome is not cut, and Army Apulia to Naples succeeds. (Does this rule need to be changed?)

**SAY, DID YOU KNOW:** NCAA Constitution 17.7.5.2(d) says that a football conference championship game in a conference of 12 or more teams (i.e. SEC) does not count toward the limit of 11 regular-season games. Then again, NCAA Football Rule 3.1.3 says that if the game ends in a tie, the NCAA tiebreaker is used: each team gets first-and-10 on the opponent's 25 (it used to be first-and-goal on the 15) and whoever gets the most points after both teams finish their possession wins (if it's still tied, try it again.) None of this wimpy "sudden-death" stuff (my idea: sudden death is OK if the team that receives the kick can't kick a field goal in their first possession).

## **TOP KNIFE #55**

Tournament results are like commuter buses - months of inactivity, then three of them show up. Yes, this is a bumper edition of *Top Knife*, the IDTR subzine.

### **ATLANTICON**

was held July 3-5 in College Park, Maryland, which is closer to Washington than to the "traditional" Baltimore. As usual, Robert Sacks ran the Diplomacy tournament and the "Hobby Meeting". Unlike "usual", however, only 21 people showed up (according to Robert, more people played Pax Britannica), which means that the winner gets all of FIVE count 'em FIVE IDTR points.

The Sacks system weighs SC counts more than most systems; a player's score is supply center average (counting the player's final year 10 times), plus 10 points for a win or divided among the players in a draw.

*IDTR points in parentheses; best countries followed by SCs and result in that game (W - win, D - draw, Surv - survival)*

1. (5) Frank Jones, 28.941, Best Turkey (14/2D)
2. (2) Jim Yerkey, 23.864, Best Austria (16/W)
3. (1) Kevin McHugh, 21.929
4. Kevin Kozlowski, 20.389, Best Italy (9/3D)
5. Michael Hault, 17.650

**Other Best Countries:** England - Bill Schoeller (8/2D), 7th; Russia - Nick Dowling (8/4D), 8th; Germany - Michael Fasolo (8/3D), 9th; France - Dan Mathias (7/surv), 13th

There will be a NYGB meeting at Robert Sacks' room at Philcon on November 14. Speaking of meeting, the Atlanticon Hobby Meeting revealed that Gemco did not pay NYGB for running events at last year's ORIGINS; as a result, NYGB will not make DIPCON bids for future ORIGINS. (Not that it matters much, as 1994 ORIGINS is in San Jose, which

is in the same state as 1993 DIPCON and so is ineligible.)

### **(Canadian) CAN-CON**

was held July 31-August 2 in Toronto. Unfortunately, only 18 people played Diplomacy, which is less than the minimum 21 required for IDTR rating points, but Doug Acheson still managed to have six games played (some players played three rounds). Special mention goes to Nelson Heintzmann who arrived too late in the morning and had to leave too early in the evening to get a game in, but still GMed in the tournament.

The scoring system is a slight variation of the "SC count plus X points divided by players in a draw"; in this tournament, the player in a draw with the most SCs got the "full share" of 60 points, with lesser players subtracting the difference between their SC count and the high player's count from the full share. For example, if three players were in a 3-way draw with 12, 11, and 9 centers, they would receive 20, 19 (20-1), and 17 (20-3) points respectively.

*Again, as fewer than 21 players participated, no IDTR points are awarded*

1. Cal White, 51, tied Best England (9/3D)
2. Michael Gonsalves, 46, Best France (9/4D)
3. Jerry Falkiner, 43, Best Russia (14/2D)
4. Frank Easton, 42, Best Italy (9/2D)
5. Gerry Paulsen, 27, tied Best England (13/3D)

**Other Best Countries:** Germany - Martyn Phillips (7/3D), 6th; Austria - Robert Acheson (8/3D), 8th; Turkey - Doug Acheson (13/3D), 9th

Note Cal White and Gerry Paulsen tied for Best England (despite the SC count difference) as both received 20 points in their England game; each had the most SCs in a 3-way draw.

## **PACIFICON**

was held September 5-6 in San Mateo, somewhere between San Francisco and San Jose in northern California. This year saw a return to the "traditional" rules where a game started whenever seven players showed up, subject to certain conditions, most of which were changed during the tournament because not enough players were there to enforce the rules and get enough games played. Because of the problems, next year's event, which will also be DIPCON, will use a traditional system of rounds, either four open rounds or three plus a top board.

32 players participated in the tournament, run by Don Del Grande (when he's not typing up *Top Knife*). The scoring system was a basic "Supply Centers plus X points for a win or shared in a draw"; in this case,  $X = 32$ , and all wins were worth 50 regardless of final SC count. Best 2 games counted.

1. (60) Phillip Burk, 65, Best Russia (Win)
2. (42) Albert Boyle, 64, Best Austria (Win)
3. (28) Tim Haffey, 61, Best France (Win)
4. (16) Shelley Louie, 40, Best Turkey (9/4D)
5. (8) Ean Houts, 34, Best England (9/3D)
6. (2) Matt Calkins, 27, Best Italy (8/4D)

Best Germany (8/4D) was Martin Johnson, who was 12th.

With only Avaloncon and the Continental European tournaments remaining (well, those and the results from last year's Midcon, held only 10 months ago - **DOES ANYBODY OUT THERE HAVE LAST YEAR'S MIDCON RESULTS?**), Michael Chau of Australia still leads the table with 106 points, followed by World Champion Steve Gould and Manorcon winner Phil Day with 100 each, and Shaun Derrick and Frank Meerbach with 91 each.

## DIPLOMACY QUOTE OF THE MONTH

*When trying to bounce light of Baldo Calberchian's head, make sure the target doesn't have reflective material*

- EMPEROR Princess Luscious, aboard a soon-to-be-hit *Linoleum Falcon*

# DIP WARZ

Now how did that get there?

"Your CD-ROM reader," explains ILOM, "uses an ISO 9600 standard with T128 SCSI

interface, not to be confused with the ST1 SCSI interface used by the external hard drive, so I hooked up to it and intercepted the normal Diplomacy quote in transit. But why two SCSI cards?"

NEC CD-ROM readers don't have drivers for the ST1, and Syquest drives don't have drivers for the T128. So much for the SCSI standard. But enough of this side chat (side chat?) - what happened to the *Linoleum Falcon*?

"Well," answers Oboe-1 Caruso, "the light that reflected off Calberchian's head and the missiles knocked the *Linoleum Falcon* *just* out of the path of the missiles, which were attracted by the gravitational pull of a nearby giant moon and took a big chunk out of it, much to the dismay of the giants."

Just then: "Attention! This is the Poolcon planet in the Kansascity system! Not only have you violated our dumping-toxic-waste (to wit: EMPEROR Princess Luscious' Dietshakes) into-our-ocean law, but our deflecting-missiles-into-nearby-moons law AND our excessive-reflection-of-light-causing-increased-sunglasses-sales law! Please report to the planet for suitable punishment."

"Hey down there! This is EMPEROR Princess Luscious and the Diplomatic Rebels aboard the *Linoleum Falcon*, and there's nothing wrong with my Extrahealthy Dietshakes."

"Extrahealthy? I can only assume it works by killing anybody who drinks it, thus reducing the overpopulation and making it healthier for the sane members of the planet who knew better than to touch that stuff."

"Right - I'm sending in the Punishment squad!"

"What are you going to do to us - make us go on one of your idiot diets? Tie us to one of those Tummy-tuckers? How about..."

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**SPLAT**

"Do you realize that that massive **THING** you just dropped has turned one our cities into a decent impersonation of a large deluze **PIZZA**?"

"That's our Del Grande Berkeley Special. Ready for McHugh? Wilson? Peery?"

Well, that's **ONE** way of winning over a planet's population....

***SPACE FILLER - er, uh, VIDEO REVIEW***

*The Adventures of Rocky and Bullwinkle* (8 tapes, each about 40-45 minutes, about \$10 each if you know where to look): just when you thought you had to watch Nick at Nite to get your fill of Moose & Squirrel. Each tape (except for the one featuring Dudley Do-Right) has one complete story (one tape has two shorter ones), although some individual episodes are combined so a lot of the "be with us next time" bits are gone. Also includes Dudley Do-Right, Mr. Peabody, Fractured Fairy Tales, Aesop & Son, and the other regular features.



**TRIVIAL PURSUIT "CARRIE" - We have our first finishers, and the competition stumbles over this hurdle**

**NEW POLICY:** Because this takes up so much space, only last turn's questions and answers will be included from now on; the current questions are enclosed separately for the players. (I have had bad experiences with "separately enclosed game reports" in the past, but it doesn't matter quite as much with this game.)

**DAVE ANDERSON**

1. Whose soldiers were the first to win the Nobel Peace Prize?
2. How far apart are the pins in bowling?
3. Is the white queen on the king's left or right in chess?
4. What kind of collector is interested in a 1943 Tombac?
5. (C-BR80) What comic book hero changed to a jet-black body suit with an arachnid on the chest?

**THOMASINE BOWEN**

1. In what city did Rudolph Hess die?
2. What Mideast leader was born Shimon Persky in Wisniew, Poland?
3. What Dallas character's fling with Wanda Frick failed to amuse her husband Luther?
4. Who was born on Southfork Ranch in 1939?
5. (BR-G2) Whose painting *A Woman In White* features his wife, Olga Koklova?

**SCOTT CAMERON**

1. Who failed to win a fourth gold medal at the 1988 Summer Olympics when she ran out of "Flo Go"?
2. When Ed Norton's watch stops, to whom does he say he's going to write?
3. What Norwegian-registered vessel, once named *France*, claims to be the world's largest cruise ship?

4. (BL-TV) Who was filmed from the waist up on 9/9/1956?

**STEPHEN DORNEMAN**

1. How many propellers were on the Wright Brothers' first plane?

2. Who wrote *The Collector*?

3. What TV rancher also operated an eatery in Mineral City?

4. What was the deadliest war of the 1980s?

5. What explosive is a mixture of charcoal, sulfur, and saltpeter?

6. Who did Polish officials finally admit was a "partner" in its economy in 1988?

7. (C-OR80) What computer-minded TV star introduced Vidal Sassoon as "V.D. Sassoon"?

**PETE GAUGHAN**

1. How many scoops of ice cream are in most banana splits?

2. What African country is Buganda a province of?

3. What color are 70% of American houses?

4. What Caribbean tax haven boasts the world's highest per capita number of Telexes?

5. Which of Shakespeare's kings cries, "A horse! A horse! My kingdom for a horse!"

6. What letter is on Rwanda's flag?

7. (C-ORG2) How many Community Chest cards are there in a Monopoly set?

**MELINDA ANN HOLLEY**

1. Who ripped Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston for selling out in *This Note's For You*?

2. Who was Hulaga Khan's famous grandfather?

3. What actor, skeptical about an upcoming role, remarked, "It sounded like Mickey Mouse time, with the ears"?

4. What tiny European country flies the same flag as Indonesia?

5. What hearings saw Howard Baker ask, "What did the

President know, and when did he know it"?

6. (YE-G2) Does the Pillsbury Doughboy have a bellybutton?

**DAVID HOOD**

1. What college coach died 17 days after retiring?

2. (PK-TV) What sitcom theme includes: "New York is where I'd rather stay; I get allergic smelling hay"?

**DOUGLAS KENT**

1. What percentage of Paul Newman's food empire's profits goes to charity?

2. What does a collier mine?

3. (BR-TV) Who sponsored *College Bowl* from 1959 to 1970?

**W. ANDREW YORK**

1. What are the biggest-selling items in jewelry stores?

2. What TV show has "the only house dumpier than the Simpsons", according to Bart Simpson?

3. (BR-G2) Who was JFK's favorite fictional character?

Note that "wedge" questions are marked with their color and question set (Genus II, Television, or 1980s); "C" indicates the Center Space (the "final" question)

Also note that Brad Wilson's questions were not printed, as he NMRed, so his questions are repeated to him

## **ANSWERS - ANSWERS - ANSWERS**

**ANDERSON** (1) The UN (2) \*12 inches (3) Left (4) \*Coins (5) Spiderman

**BOWEN** (1) \*West Berlin (2) \*Shimon Peres (3)\* J.R. Ewing (4) \*J.R. Ewing (5) \*Pablo Picasso

**CAMERON** (1) Florence Griffith-Joyner (2) \*Walt Disney (3) \*The Norway (4) Elvis Presley

**DORNEMAN** (1) Two (2) \*John Fowles (3) \*Roy Rogers (4) Iran-Iraq (5) Gunpowder (6) \*Lech Walesa (7) Max Headroom

**GAUGHAN** (1) Three (2) Uganda (3) White (4) \*The Cayman Islands (4) Richard III (5) R (6) 16

**HOLLEY** (1) \*Neil Young (2) \*Genghis Khan (3) Leonard Nimoy (4) \*Monaco (5) Watergate (6) No

**HOOD** (1) "Bear" Bryant (2) *Green Acres*

**KENT** (1) Coal (2) \*General Electric

**YORK** (1) \*Earrings (2) \*Roseanne (3) \*James Bond



## **DIPLOMACY "LES MISERABLES", Endgame Statements**

**BRAD WILSON (Italy, somewhere in there):** I was in this game? My, my, what wonders come forth when a game ends. Congrats to Charles, and to Don for what looked like being a solid GM.

**STEPHEN DORNEMAN (Turkey):** Well, I must confess to a truly lackluster performance on my part in this game. As always, I started with the best of intentions, writing all the players, making grand alliances (particularly with Russia), dividing up the continent at least mentally by 1905. However, things started going downhill quickly. My ally suffered from NMRitis, and finally dropped out in 1910. The French/German alliance appeared unshakable, and I couldn't seem to get past the Ionian. I might have brought on some of the above, as by 1911 I became too involved in real world worries (culminating in a long stretch of unemployment, now thankfully over) to write the other players regularly.

Still, I wasn't going to roll over for a two-way draw. I served France (and the rest of the board, by Press Diplomacy) notice that if he wasn't going to stab his ally, I would work to throw the game to Germany, the dominant partner.

And so it goes.

Congratulations to Charles Mercer; all standbys who go on and win deserve a special place in Heaven (or Hell, depending on whether or not I'm in their game). Thanks to Melinda for playing out her position. Ethereal thanks to Tom Slaughter, for what might have been. A pat on the back to myself, for being the only original player to finish out the game. And a cheer to our GM, for finishing out another long Dip game in fine fashion. Now put me on the standby list! (It's my turn for a win....)

\*\*\*\*\* How about putting you on the playing list? I still need a seventh player for my new game....

**CHARLES MERCER (standby Germany, the winner):** A final word on Les Miz: I came into the game as a standby and I never thought that Germany would be so successful. Germany's position in relationship to Russia when I took over was the key to success. Russia's back was wide open. I almost think of it as picking up a fumble on a wide open football field after the quarterback was sacked. The only major challenge was to run down the field without stumbling, which I almost did with my NMR - the postcard that took a week to get from me to you.

All the pieces fell into place, Turkey was heavy on fleets and Italy and France remained stalwart in their opposition to Turkey. Although that alliance showed some signs of sagging toward the end (what alliance doesn't), it held together long enough to carry the day. Thanks for the opportunity to play in Les Miz and thanks to Jim Goode and Dave Anderson for their support.

\*\*\*\*\* The postcard bit: Charles lives less than 100 miles from where I live, and in fact we work almost next door to

each other. (By the way, Charles, you do get a \$1 sub credit for finishing your standby position.)



**1830 "42nd STREET", OPERATING ROUND 6.1 - Hey, Doctor Dicko, are you still with us?**

**OOPS:** Owing to a slight misreading of David Hood's orders last time, he has \$58, 60% NYC, and no Erie; NYC has stock E71b and is floated with treasury \$760 with DH 60%, pool 10%; Erie is DM 50%, pool 10%; B&O stock is at E71a

**OPERATING ROUND 6.1 (not 7.1)**

**ERIE NMRed - no tile laid**

**No train - *stock drops to C76***

**Buy a "4" train for 300 (treasury now 600)**

**C&O lays tile #27 in E3(SE)**

**Run "3" Chicago-F4-E3-D2, "3" Chi-G3-F4-G5-F6**

**Withhold 190 income (310) - *stock drops to F75***

**B&O lays tile #53 in I15(SW)**

**Run "3" I15-I17-H18**

**Dividends: SC 45 (66), DB 9 (75), MF 9 (130), MG 9 (58)**

***Stock rises to E76***

**NYC buys D&H from DH for 35 (NYC 725; DH 83)**

**Lays tile #57 in F16(E), paying 120 (605)**

**Place a token in F16, paying 40 (565)**

***David, your "free" token is the one automatically placed on your "base city"; I assume you want to pay the 40 for the new token - if not, let me know***

**No train - stock drops to E67**

**Buy "4" train for 300 (265)**



**PRR NMRed** - no tile laid (there are three of you with PRR stock - how about some backup orders?)

Run "3" H12-H14-H16-G17

Withhold 50 income (296) - *stock drops to G69*

**NYNH** lays tile #8 in D18(SE)

Run "4" F16-F18-E19-F20-G19(n)

Dividends: MG 50 (108), DB 20 (95), MF 10 (140), treasury 20 (308)

*Stock rises to G70*

**B&M NMRed** - no tile laid

Run "3" E23-F24-F22

Withhold 80 income (490) - *stock drops to K30*

*Remember, if nobody sends in orders for a corporation and it doesn't have a "5" train, it withholds income*

## **OPERATING ROUND 6.2 PRIVATE COMPANIES**

SV - MG 5 (113); C&SL - SC 10 (76); D&H - NYC 15 (280); M&H - PRR 20 (316); C&A - B&O 25 (365)

**Next turn is ONE OPERATING ROUND (6.2)  
FOLLOWED BY A STOCK ROUND (7)  
DEADLINE is OCTOBER 27**

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**KINGMAKER "ME AND MY GAL", TURN 27 - Look what happens when nobody is in charge....**

**WHITE DUCHESS II (\*\*\*\*\*Standby Requested\*\*\*\*\*)**

**CLIFFORD** and **NEVILLE** remain on the Continent

**PLANTAGENET YORK** remains at Thetford



**INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS ASSOCIATION (York)**

HOLLAND remains at Dublin

HERBERT remains at Douglas(g)

MOWBRAY and BERKELEY remain at Berkeley

**KING'S COURT (Anderson)**

BEAUFORT remains at Chichester

ROOS remains at Preston

BOURCHIER and PLANTAGENET LANCASTER

(h44)-Chichester

STAFFORD (Continent)-s20-s19-s18-s17-Weymouth

Le MICHAEL transports Stafford to Weymouth

Le LUCAS and Le NICHOLAS remain at Wye

Le SWAN stuck in Berwick

**ROYAL TOADIES (McHugh??)**

PERCY and HASTINGS remain on the Continent

HOWARD remains at Bristol(g)

Le CHRISTOPHER remains at Milford Haven

Le ROSE stuck in Plymouth

**TURN 27 CROWN CARD:** For the benefit of prospective standby players: of course, normally crown cards are given to each player secretly, but when everybody knows what cards are at the top of the deck (because the deck was empty and everybody knows what was discarded), the cards are announced to all (but are still in the player's hand). The only card in the deck was the Flemish Crossbowmen discarded last turn; it goes to Jack McHugh.

**TURN 28 EVENT CARDS:** holding card to White Duchess II; PEASANT REVOLT (no effect); PARLIAMENT MUST BE SUMMONED; holding card to Royal Toadies

As there is no sole King and there are cards in Chancery, Parliament will be summoned by Dave Anderson. Dave, name the site; Andrew, Dave, and Jack, let me know which of your nobles (and corresponding Royal Heirs) are attending. Standby players will also let me know which of their nobles are attending Parliament; a faction not being played will send all of its eligible nobles.

**ROYAL HEIRS STILL ALIVE:** Margaret with Bouchier; Edward March with Neville; Edmund with Herbert; George with Clifford

**BETTER LATE THAN NEVER:** Two days after the deadline, I got a postcard from Jack McHugh asking me why I thought he was no longer interested in the game and what happened to his orders for last turn (which I never got).

**DEADLINE for Nobles Attending is OCTOBER 28**



**DIPLOMACY "DAMN YANKEES", SUMMER/FALL 1909**  
**- Looks like Russia wants to make things interesting**

**SUMMER 1909:** Austria retreats A Rum to BUL; Germany retreats A Mun OTB; Russia retreats A Bel OTB

### **FALL 1909**

**AUSTRIA (Munnzenmaier):** F Ion-GRE, A Alb-SER,  
A Ank-CON, A MAR S F Lyo-Spa(sc), F Eas-SMY,  
F LYO-Spa(sc), A VIE S A Bud-Gal, A Tyo-BOH,  
F Tyh-LYO, F AEG S A Ank-Con

**FRANCE (Schenck):** F MAO S F Spa(sc),  
F SPA(sc) S AUSTRIAN A Mar-Pie (nso)

**GERMANY** has no units

**ITALY (Gonsalves):** A BEL H, F ENG-Nth

**RUSSIA (Geusz):** NMR - has A UKR, A RUM, A LON,  
A MUN, F KIE, F BLA, F CLY, F NTH, A HOL,  
F NWG, A YOR, A SIL, A RUH, A Gal(ann), and  
A Gal(d/retreat to War, OTB)

**TURKEY** has no units

**1909 SUPPLY CENTERS (Keep / GAIN / lose)**

**AUSTRIA:** Vie, Bud, Tri, Ser, Bul, Con, Rom, Nap, Ven,  
Mar, Tun, ~~rum~~, GRE, SMY - 13, build 1

**FRANCE:** Por, Spa - 2, even

**GERMANY:** ~~mun~~ - 0, out

**ITALY:** Par, Bre, BEL - 3, build 1

**RUSSIA:** Mos, War, Stp, Sev, Swe, Nwy, Ber, Den, Ank,  
Lon, Kie, Hol, Edi, Lvp, ~~smy~~, ~~bel~~, RUM, MUN -  
16, build 2 (or 3 if the retreat is OTB)

**TURKEY:** gre - 0, out

**DEADLINE for AUTUMN/WINTER 1909 and SPRING 1910 is OCTOBER 29** - Here's the press:

**AUSTRIA-GM:** Someone (Phil Reynolds, I think) once nailed me for not stating the nationality of the supported army so I have been doing ever since (until now). I hope you don't change your mind.

**GM-AUSTRIA:** I won't. Rule IX.1 does not actually state that you have to list the nationality; besides, there's only one unit per space you can support, so everybody knows which country it is

**AUSTRIA-RUSSIA:** No further demands beyond 18 dots? Or will you be happy with 17 and a loss?

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# DAMN YANKEES

A map of Europe with various countries labeled with letters in circles or squares. The letters are: 'r' for Russia, 'i' for Ireland, 'f' for France, 'a' for Austria, 'A' for Albania, 'R' for Romania, and 'I' for Italy. The map is titled 'DAMN YANKEES' at the top.

**GM-AUSTRIA:** Other than a concession, it's impossible to lose with 17, as nobody else can get more than 17

**FRANCE-AUSTRIA:** Back both units off and both will head north. Back one off, and one of mine goes north. Back neither and I can't help you push back Russia at all. Your choice.

**FRANCE-GM:** Is the corollary to your press item last time that nationality IS required when supporting/convoying other country's units? Sorry about the NMR, by the way

**GM-FRANCE:** Nationality is NEVER required (at least not while I'm the GM)

**FRANCE-RUSSIA:** Soon as Munz eases up, I'm in your face! Get ready

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**DIPLOMACY "ANNIE", AUTUMN/WINTER 1907 - WHO moved?**

Guess what? That change of address last time was for Steve HUGHES and NOT Steve Marsland, who is still at 10400 Castine Avenue, Cupertino, CA 95014

**AUTUMN 1907:** Austria retreats A Rum OTB

### **WINTER 1907**

**AUSTRIA (Hughes)** is even; has A WAR and A VEN

**FRANCE (R. Nielsen)** builds A PAR and A MAR; has

A PAR, A MAR, F BAR, A HOL, A RUH, A NWY,

F ENG, F NTH, A YOR, F MAO, A MUN, and A PRU

**GERMANY (Wilson)** is even; has F STP(nc), F DEN,

A MOS, A BER, A SIL, and A KIE

**ITALY (Marsland)** builds A NAP; has A NAP, A ROM,

F CON, A VIE, A BUD, F TYH, F ADR, A RUM, F ION,  
and F BUL(sc)

**TURKEY (B. Nielsen)** is even; has A SEV and F BLA

**A CONCESSION to FRANCE and a F/I DRAW** has been proposed; please vote with your Spring 1908 orders. Not voting counts as NO to the concession (Italy has as many centers as France) and NO to the draw (it's not DIAS).

**DEADLINE for SPRING 1908 is OCTOBER 29**

Here's the press:

**PARIS:** All of France has been following the story of the lost battalion, currently in Prussia. Cut off from friendly troops, the battalion remains besieged, but intact. Morale of members of the battalion was raised when they heard news of the new carrier pigeon relay station set up in Norway. "Now we can hear the latest futbol scores!" exclaimed one French soldier. "Magnifique!"

**GM-PARIS:** "Futbol" is Spanish; I don't think it's French

**AUSTRIA-WORLD:** Well, I can aggravate a bit longer, but without allies, I'm doomed. So, I'll propose an FI draw and hope to be a "survivor".



**While I've got this extra space, here's another snippet from the NCAA Constitution:** 15 micrograms (0.015 mg) of caffeine in one ml of urine is considered a drug violation of the same level as anabolic steroids, with a one-year suspension (permanent for a second offense); however, any amount of alcohol in the bloodstream is OK except in Rifle Shooting. (Rule 31.2.3.1)

# GAME OPENINGS

**DIPLOMACY** - STILL six players signed up! Any of you standby players want to play a position from the start?

**TRIVIAL PURSUIT** - Think you can top our current leaders? You can start any time - write for more details

Sorry, but I can't come up with a decent set of PBM rules for *Gangsters*, so that opening is removed (not that people were breaking down the doors to play); the FTF game depends on each player moving the "public" pieces and cops to his/her best advantage

Instead....

**KREMLIN is BACK!** I'll even use some Advanced rules this time! (If you're interested in Megadip Kremlin (regular game with hobby names and offices), let me know.)

I was considering running *The Civil War: The War That Pitted Brother Against Brother*, but I couldn't figure out how to apply the detailed and intricate supply system. (For those of you who have never seen this game, it's a "monster" game of the Civil War, but, incredible as this may seem, there are (intentionally) NO supply rules! I suppose if the Army of Northern Virginia got cut off in the North somewhere, they could always call for Domino's Pizza or something - "25 cents off your next pizza if not delivered within 30 days". To think this is the same company that did a remake of *War in the Pacific*.

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